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Lumina Intelligence UK Wholesale Online Report

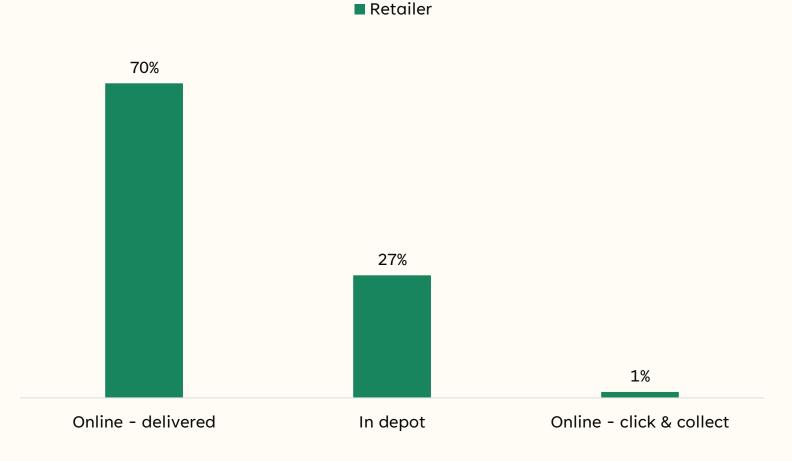




#### Online purchasing is the main route to the wholesale market

The online delivered route to market is the number one purchasing route for retailers. Wholesalers need to offer integrated and aligned solutions with depot shopping remaining notable.

#### What is the main way you buy from wholesaler?



Source: Lumina Intelligence Wholesale Index Solution, November 2023



#### Wholesalers are utilising websites to support customers



**Creed Foodservice** has invested in its website in the last year, offering channel tailored information as well as free insight to support customers.





By partnering with key data and insight sources across the foodservice industry, we have access to a range of industry and sector insights and reports. My role within Creed is to analyse the latest data and identify the key elements that are relevant for our customers, sharing this is an easy to digest format with suggestions of key changes that our customers can action to ensure they stay relevant within the market.

Alongside the quarterly commodity and insight & market reports you see below, I work closely with our Development Chefs and Account Managers to provide tailored insight reports for our key customers, supporting their objectives.'



Anna Clapson, Creed Insights Manager Get Ahead Of The Game By Reading Your

#### **2024 TRENDS REPORTS**

Read or download your sector specific Trends Report which brings to life upcoming insight into consumer preference in 2024. They are packed full of insights and learnings designed for your kitchens and menus to help you to get ahead of the game in the new year, and maximise profits as a result.







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2024 Trends



CARE 2024 Trends

Source: Creed Foodservice, 2023

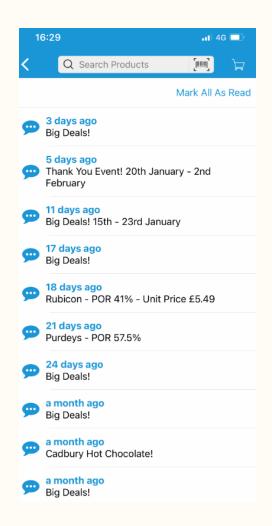




# Bestway is supporting customers through promotions and advice

Bestway's Profit Driver highlights 300 topselling products to help drive profits for businesses. The wholesaler will be helping retailers push the products with more visibility and marketing support in stores while carrying out weekly price checks to ensure key lines are retaining competitive pricing.





## Sugro launches first supplier-funded B2B WhatsApp channel to boost promotional messaging

Sugro has become the first wholesale buying group to launch a supplier-funded B2B WhatsApp initiative, giving brands the chance to send messages directly to wholesalers' retail customers.

Britvic, PepsiCo and Red Bull will fund promotional WhatsApp messages that will be sent to the retailers of Sugro's wholesale members who have opted into the scheme. Suppliers can take advantage of a broader retailer audience by using a combined scale of wholesale members to generate revenue. There will be a further benefit to wholesalers supporting Sugro's initiative as they will receive a profit share of revenues generated by WhatsApp.

"There has been a lot of supplier interest in what WhatsApp has to offer, so by launching our own messaging capability that will funnel through to our wholesalers' retail customers, we're creating something that will benefit every step of the supply chain."

Yulia Petitt, Head of Commercial and Marketing, Sugro UK

Source: Lumina Intelligence Wholesale Online Report, The Grocer, November 2023





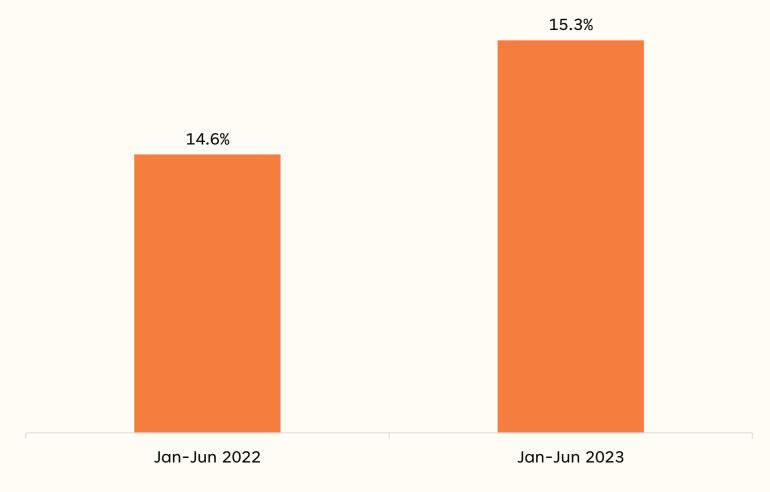


#### Total Foodservice & Retail: % of visits that have included a site search

## Search usage has seen an increase year-on-year

The proportion of site visits that include a customer using the search tool has reached 15.3% in the first half of 2023, an increase of +0.7ppts year-on-year.

It is key to optimising the internal search functionality of wholesalers' online platforms as the content will be more accessible to users and it can provide valuable insight as to how users are finding products and information.



Source: Lumina Intelligence Wholesale Online Report, b2b.store January-June 2022-2023





Cost of business pressure

Pricing challenges for retail players

Eating out businesses challenged by rising costs

Website utilisation to support customers

Company offers best in class for foodservice support

Wholesale market: operator opportunities

## Wholesale Online Landscape

Wholesale market: operator challenges

Online purchasing and the route to the wholesale market

Ecommerce benefits: suppliers and wholesalers

Operators moving online

Around the clock order capabilities

Retail shops and frequency

## Wholesale Online Landscape

Rising costs and promotions

Company using website to communicate retail solutions

Company supporting customers through promotions and advice

Key trends in wholesale online market

## Disrupting the Online Journey

Disrupting the online journey executive summary

Foodservice operators increasingly using desktop

Media top tips for desktop and app activation

"unlocking" websites removes barriers to converting prospects

Company rolled out "Browse Store" to boost the visibility of its customers



## Disrupting the Online Journey

Company allowing noncustomers to access platforms

The most important device to secure advertising and disrupt shoppers

Market footfall rates

Operators target needs

Desktop and mobile activities peak times

Business platform with the ability to boost orders at peak times

## Disrupting the Online Journey

Company boosts digital engagement with WhatsApp

Company launches first supplier-funded b2b channel to boost promotional messaging

Retail media activation

Digital personalised advertisements via WhatsApp

Company utilising WhatsApp for advertising and personalisation

## Disrupting the Online Journey

Case study: the use of WhatsApp for business

Retailers building their baskets earlier in the day in 2023

Mobile activity peaks after trading hours

A/B testing as a tool

Ideas of split testing from online use cases

Companies join forces for split testing to win online

## Disrupting the Online Journey

Split tests impacts on the sector

Price-marks and value perception for retailers

Most preferred categories in PMPs

The brands among suppliers offering PMPs solutions to retailers

Customer engagement boosters

B2B communication based on target audience



## Disrupting the Online Journey

Opportunity to boost online sales and engagement

Personalisation is key to add value and boost loyalty

5 seasonal marketing strategies

Seasonal marketing campaigns

Company launching a creative online advent calendar

## Disrupting the Online Journey

Elevating B2B digital marketing through sustainability

Sustainable marketing matters in 2023 and beyond

Brands embracing environmental consciousness

Energy advice and net zero plans to support the wholesale sector

#### **Boosting Efficiencies**

Few frustrations when shopping through digital platforms

Ease and speed of online platforms holds back retailers

Search usage has seen an increase year-on-year

Improvements are needed in the search function as search exists and page views increase

Top foodservice search terms

#### **Boosting Efficiencies**

New entrant into the top 15 search terms

Dietary requirements solutions

Brand supports customers with dedicated guide for food alternatives

Retailers use brand names when searching for products

Open banking as a flexible way for customers to pay

Qr codes can boost uptake through online banking





The power of b2b open banking

Case study: b2b store open banking solution success

Q&A with Aled Roberts, Director of R&I Jones

Wholesalers reaping the rewards from launching open banking

Open banking and opportunities for suppliers

## Top 10 Influential People in Ecommerce

Mick Dudley, Chief Technology Officer, JJ Foodservice

Leon French, Customer Marketing Director, Brakes

Kate Sillars, Head of Commercial Growth Initiatives UK, Bidfood

Jamil Mohammed, Group Digital Director, Booker Wholesale (Tesco Group)

## Top 10 Influential People in Ecommerce

Claire Chin, Digital E-Commerce Manager, Bestway Wholesale

Lotte Tregear, Category and E-Commerce Director, Red Bull

Phill Jaremczenko-Dye, Head of Online Emerging Channels UK, Mars Wrigley

Rob Mannion, Founder and Chief Execution Officer, b2b.store

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Tim Martin-Harvey, Head Of E-commerce Millenium Group





Trend summary: focus and investment areas

Trend summary: focus and investment areas split by wholesalers and suppliers

Frictionless functionality as a customer expectation

Tailored offerings expected to be commonplace

Young consumers changing the landscape of the wholesale market

#### The Industry Voice on Wholesale Ecommerce

JJ Foodservice is investing into Tik Tok collaborations

Wholesalers are embracing hybris models to add value

Wholesalers are recognising the opportunities of artificial intelligence and social media

Wholesalers seeking to make data driven decisions

#### The Industry Voice on Wholesale Ecommerce

Wholesalers and suppliers seeking collaboration and strategic partnerships

Mutual benefits of data sharing

Optimising and adapting the online opportunity

## The Future of Wholesale Online

Economic indicators are forecast to stabilise from 2024

Business leaders across the grocery retail and eating out market are describing current trading environments as challenging

Grocery retail business leaders expect challenging trading conditions to continue





Eating out market business leaders are relatively optimistic about trading conditions in 2024

Sustainability and digitalisation future business priorities

Main focus for building customer loyalty and generating revenue

Company set to launch artificial intelligence-powered ordering assistant

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#### The Future of Wholesale Online

Focus for building customer loyalty and generating revenue

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Lumina Intelligence forecasts five key trends to shape the future of ecommerce



#### Who are Lumina Intelligence?

Lumina Intelligence is the data & insights brand of William Reed – leaders of B2B media, trusted by businesses since 1862. Our award-winning expertise and global reach extends across Grocery & Retail; Hospitality; Food Manufacturing, Processing & Ingredients; Drinks; Pharmaceuticals & Cosmetics; Insights & E-learning.

Lumina Intelligence inspires the food & drink industry with deep, actionable insights powered by the world's best analytics technology's. Trusted by industry leading operators and suppliers across retail, wholesale & foodservice

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